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SUBJECT: ARTICLE ON US-SWEDISH COLLABORATION ON ELECTRO MAGNETIC  
PULSE RESEARCH

1. THE POLITICAL SCANDAL SHEET FIB/KULTURFRONT CARRIES A  
LEAD ARTICLE IN ITS EDITION OF MARCH 3 ENTITLED  
"UNDIVULGED NUCLEAR WEAPONS RESEARCH: SECRET COLLABORATION:  
SWEDISH/USA SCIENTISTS." THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY THE  
MAGAZINE'S CORRESPONDENT, JAN GUILLOU, THE SAME AUTHOR  
WHO IN FEBRUARY 1976 WROTE A STORY ALLEGING SECRET CIA  
FUNDING FOR VISITS TO AFRICA BY A BLACK AFRICAN EMPLOYEE  
OF SWEDISH RADIO. THE CURRENT ARTICLE ON ELECTRO  
MAGNETIC PULSE RESEARCH PURPORTS TO DESCRIBE THE  
ANONYMOUS THREAT DIRECTED AT SWEDEN'S ELECTRONIC DEFENSE  
SYSTEM, NOTES THAT SWEDEN STILL HAS NO DEFENSE SYSTEM  
AGAINST EMP WEAPONS, THAT SWEDISH RESEARCH ON EMP IS  
HIGHLY SECRETIVE, BUT NEVERTHELESS IS CONDUCTED IN CLOSE  
COLLABORATION WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. THE ARTICLE  
ASKS WHETHER SUCH COOPERATION WITH THE US IS A VIOLATION  
OF SWEDEN'S NEUTRALITY.

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2. GUILLOU'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED  
ON MARCH 3 WAS APPARENTLY STIMULATED BY HIS RECEIPT OF A  
COPY OF THE OFFICIAL TRAVEL ORDERS OF A DEPARTMENT OF THE  
AIR FORCE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE, BARRY L. BALLARD, A  
PHYSICIST IN PAY GRADE GS-12, EMPLOYED AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON  
AIR FORCE BASE IN DAYTON, OHIO. THE TRAVEL ORDERS

AUTHORIZED BALLARD'S TRAVEL IN MAY 1976 TO WEST GERMANY, NORWAY AND SWEDEN TO DISCUSS EMP RESEARCH IN THESE THREE COUNTRIES. IN THE ARTICLE, GUILLOU ADMITS TO A FASCINATION WITH THE APPARENT FACT THAT, WHILE BALLARD'S MISSION IS CLASSIFIED AS "ROUTINE," THE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION INDICATES THAT BALLARD HAS THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO TOP SECRET INFORMATION. THE ARTICLE CONTAINS SEVERAL DIRECT QUOTATIONS FROM BALLARD, WHOM GUILLOU CALLED IN DAYTON, AND MANY MORE FROM GORAN DAHLEN, BALLARD'S HOST AT THE SWEDISH DEFENSE RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

3. PUBLICATION OF GUILLOU'S ARTICLE HAS NOT YET STIMULATED EITHER GOVERNMENT OR MEDIA COMMENT. HOWEVER, SEVERAL STOCKHOLM NEWSPAPERS RAN ARTICLES ON MARCH 1 AND 2 ON EMP AND BALLARD'S VISIT TO SWEDEN WHICH WERE BASED ON GUILLOU'S ARTICLE. NONE OF THESE ARTICLES CONTAINED CRITICISM OF ALLEGED US-SWEDISH COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

4. THE EMBASSY IS POUCHING THREE COPIES OF A TRANSLATION OF THE COMPLETE GUILLOU ARTICLE (EUR/NE). IN A PHONE CALL TO THE EMBASSY ON FEBRUARY 3, GUILLOU ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN EMBASSY RESPONSES TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS HE POSED REGARDING BALLARD'S VISIT. THE EMBASSY INFORMED GUILLOU THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT AND REFERRED HIM TO SWEDISH AUTHORITIES. SHOULD THE EMBASSY RECEIVE INQUIRIES AS A RESULT OF PUBLICATION OF GUILLOU'S ARTICLE, WE WILL GIVE A "NO COMMENT" RESPONSE.

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